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	1,848,466	3/8/1932	Edmonds	—	—		
	2,132,151	10/4/1938	Fenske et al.	—	—		
	2,450,804	10/5/1948	Loy	—	—		
	2,609,059	9/2/1952	Benedict	—	—		
	2,824,620	2/25/1958	De Rosset	—	—		
	3,094,391	6/18/1963	Mader	—	—		
	3,144,312	8/11/1964	Mertens	—	—		
R.L.C.	3,208,198	9/28/1965	Rubin	—	—		
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	3,338,681	8/29/1967	Kordesch	—	—	
	3,344,586	10/3/1967	Langley et al.	—	—	
	3,350,176	10/31/1967	Green et al.	—	—	
	3,356,538	12/5/1967	Miekka et al.	—	—	
	3,368,329	2/13/1968	Eguchi et al.	—	—	
	3,428,476	2/18/1969	Langley et al.	—	—	
	3,439,474	4/22/1969	McKinley	—	—	
	3,447,288	6/3/1969	Juda et al.	—	—	
	3,450,500	6/17/1969	Setzer et al.	—	—	
R.L.C.	3,469,372	9/30/1969	Yamauchi et al.	—	—	
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R.L.C.	JP 1-145302	6/1989	Japan	—	—	X
R.L.C.	JP 1-145303	6/1989	Japan	—	—	X
R.L.C.	JP 1262903	10/1989	Japan	—	—	X
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	3,486,301	12/30/1969	Bonnet	—	—		
	3,520,803	7/21/1970	Iaconelli	—	—		
	3,524,819	8/18/1970	Guerrieri	—	—		
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	3,589,171	6/29/1971	Haley	—	—		
	3,665,680	5/30/1972	Heuser	—	—		
	3,713,270	1/30/1973	Farr et al.	—	—		
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	3,791,106	2/12/1974	Haley	—	—		
	3,839,110	10/1/1974	Shankoff	—	—		
	3,849,076	11/19/1974	Gryaznov et al.	—	—		
	3,881,891	5/6/1975	Goltsov et al.	—	—		
	3,881,897	5/6/1975	Faure et al.	—	—		
	3,920,416	11/18/1975	Houseman	—	—		
	3,955,941	5/11/1976	Houseman et al.	—	—		
	3,972,695	8/3/1976	Buckley et al.	—	—		
R.L.C.	3,980,452	9/14/1976	Krumm et al.	—	—		
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	4,003,725	1/18/1977	Bunn, Jr. et al.	—	—	
	4,056,373	11/1/1977	Rubin	—	—	
	4,078,985	3/14/1978	Takeuchi	—	—	
	4,084,934	4/18/1978	Kumazawa	—	—	
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	4,098,960	7/4/1978	Gagnon	—	—	
	4,127,393	11/28/1978	Timmins et al.	—	—	
	4,132,668	1/2/1979	Gryaznov et al.	—	—	
R.L.C.	4,134,739	1/16/1979	Gulden et al.	—	—	
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	4,248,688	2/3/1981	Gartner et al.	—	—	
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	4,302,177	11/24/1981	Fankhanel et al.	—	—	
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	4,319,923	3/16/1982	Falanga et al.	—	—	
	4,329,157	5/11/1982	Dobo et al.	—	—	
	4,331,520	5/25/1982	Juda et al.	—	—	
R.L.C.	4,349,613	9/14/1982	Winsel	—	—	
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	4,642,273	2/10/1987	Sasaki	—	—	
	4,644,751	2/24/1987	Hsu	—	—	
	4,650,814	3/17/1987	Keller	—	—	
	4,654,063	3/31/1987	Auvil et al.	—	—	
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	4,670,359	6/2/1987	Beshty et al.	—	—	
	4,684,581	8/4/1987	Struthers	—	—	
	4,699,637	10/13/1987	Iniotakis et al.	—	—	
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	5,205,841	4/27/1993	Vaiman	—	—	
	5,215,729	6/1/1993	Buxbaum	—	—	
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